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In re Patent Application of)
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Application No.: 09/506,830) Examiner: Graham, Clement B.
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For: CREDIT CARD SYSTEM AND METHOD)))

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of July 9, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 4 and 8 as follows:

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said validation step includes:

activating validity limited credit card software using a user identification to identify the user with the card issuer;

requesting validation of a limited use credit card for a merchant as identified by a merchant identification number; and

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